of NH-22 has already been completed and updation of DPR for Parwanoo-Solan section is in progress.

(d) The work on 11 km. pertaining to North-South Corridor under NHDP Phase-II is in progress. 110 km. of National Highways have been identified for development under NHDP Phase-III in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(e) The work for 4-laning of Parwanoo to Solan section of NH-22 is likely to be taken up by March 2008.

Condition of metalled roads

†206. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the metalled roads in various States of the country are in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the details of the amount sought as assistance from the Central Road Fund;

(c) the details of the assistance provided to the States during the last three years under this head year-wise; and

(d) the amount of assistance proposed to be provided to the States during the current five year plan, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for National Highways. The responsibility of State roads lies with the State Government concerned. However, the proposals for the improvement of State roads under the assistance from the Central Road Fund (CRF) are approved by the Central Government.

(b) Till date, proposals amounting to Rs. 2612.20 crore are received from the various States for assistance from the CRF during the year 2006-07.

(c) and (d) The assistance proposed to be provided to the States during the current five year plan and year-wise details of the assistance provided to the States during the last three years under CRF is given in the enclosed Statement.

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Statement

Details of assistance proposed to be provided during current five year plan and assistance provided during last three years under Central Road Fund (CRF)

Rs. Crore

Sl. No.	Year	Accrual/Amount proposed to be provided*	Release/Assistance provided
1.	2002-03	980.00	950.28
2.	2003-04	910.76	778.94
3.	2004-05	868.00	607.4
4.	2005-06	1535.36	1299.27
5.	2006-07	1566.00	670.03 (As on September 2006)

*CRF Fund is Non-lapsable

National waterways

†207. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that Government have declared waterways in West Bengal and Orissa *i.e.* from Paradeep to Geonkhali and from Kakinada to Pondicherry in Andhra Pradesh as natioanl waterways under river-canal scheme;

(b) if so, whether necessary steps have already been taken for providing necessary basic facilities for the same; and

(c) the other waterways of the country which are under consideration of the Government with regard to declaring them as national waterways after developing them?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Government proposes through appropriate

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